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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/474,127; Filed: December 29, 1999  
For: **Axle Driving Apparatus**  
Inventors: Okada *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0666.023000E/TGD/ALF

Sir:

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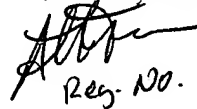
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102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim
108	78	209	39	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
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